

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN**

UNITED STATES,

Plaintiff,

v.

BETEL AUGUSTO ROSARIO PAULINO,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:17-cr-0023

APPEARANCES:

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ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Defendant Betel Augusto Rosario Paulino's ("Rosario Paulino") motion to amend the pending motion to vacate under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 petition, filed *pro se* at ECF No. 374, and his amended petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, filed through counsel, ECF No. 377. For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion of even date, it is hereby

ORDERED that Defendant Rosario Paulino's motion to amend, ECF No. 374, is **GRANTED**; it is further

ORDERED that Rosario Paulino's amended petition to vacate sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, ECF No. 377, is **DENIED**; and it is further

ORDERED that a certificate of appealability is **DENIED**.

Dated: July 15, 2022

/s/ Robert A. Molloy
ROBERT A. MOLLOY
Chief Judge